

M I N U T E S  
April 27, 2005  
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mark Sidran, Chairman  
Philip Jones, Commissioner, via the conference bridge  
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on April 27, 2005, by Chairman Sidran

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES

A)1.2-449 Docket Number UE-031658 Pacific Power & Light Company Petition for an accounting order regarding treatment of environmental remediation costs. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Thomas Schooley, staff; Carl Anderberg, Pacific Power & Light Company

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the Petition for an Accounting Order regarding treatment of environmental costs as modified in the staff memo. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)2. 3-10 Docket Number UE-031878 Pacific Power & Light Company Petition for an accounting order regarding treatment of pension liability. Petition for Accounting Order

Appearances: Thomas Schooley, staff; Douglas Larson, Pacific Power & Light Company

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to authorize the Company to record, as a regulatory asset, an amount equal to the pretax charge against equity otherwise necessitated by the recognition of the Company's Additional Minimum Liability under FAS 87 for the period March 31, 2005 through March 31, 2008. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

A)3. 4-27 Docket Number UE-050482 Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities General rate increase of \$35.8 million (12.52 percent). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Christian Ward, staff;

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending and consolidating the tariff revisions. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)4. 4-27 Docket Number UG-050483 Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities General rate increase of \$2.9 million (1.82 percent). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Christian Ward, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue a Complaint and Order suspending and consolidating the tariff revisions. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)5. 4-314 Docket Number UT-043011 Petition to amend the designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier of AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., et al, to reflect the merger into Cingular Wireless , LLC. Petition

Appearances: Robert Shirley, staff;

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in the place of AT&T wireless. Chairman Sidran seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

A)6. 1-29 Docket Number UT-050258 Qwest Corporation Petition for competitive classification of Digital Business Switched and Private Line Services and Vertical Features. Petition

Appearances: Tom Wilson, staff; Mark Reynolds, Qwest Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to allow the petition for competitive classification of digital business switched and private line services in specified wire centers to go into effect as filed. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)7. 4-74 Docket Number UW-050379 Transitions Water Services, LLC General rate increase in the form of a surcharge titled 2005 DOH Repair and

Capital Expense. Surcharge will raise rates by \$17,845 (68 percent) annually. The Company serves 73 customers in Spanaway, Pierce County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

The Commission allowed the tariff filing to become effective May 1, 2005.

A)8. 4-96 Docket Number UW-050504 Gamble Bay Water, Inc. Sale and transfer of assets from Gamble Bay Water, Inc., to T&T Professional Services for the for the following water systems: Piper Water System ID #00887P, Pinewood Water System ID #45507P, and Lightmoor Court Water System ID #66934K. These water systems serve approximately 22 customers. Application for Transfer of Property

Appearances: Jim Ward and Gene Eckhardt, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the application for the sale and transfer of assets, to become effective May 1, 2005. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

A)9. 4-96 Docket Number UW-050515 Gamble Bay Water, Inc. Sale and transfer of assets from Gamble Bay Water, Inc., to Washington Water Service Company, for the following water systems: Bucklin Water System ID #66936L, Foss Road Water System ID #63918X, Johanson Water System ID #36782F, Northwood Water System ID #62100E, and Phelps Road Water System ID #63210W. These water systems serve approximately 185 customers. Application for Transfer of Property

Appearances: Jim Ward and Gene Eckhardt, staff; Dereck Pell, Department of Health

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the application for the sale and transfer of assets, to become effective May 1, 2005. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

#### TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 4-252 Docket Number A-042090 Delegation of Authority to the Commission Secretary to approve certain requests for Fuel Surcharges. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Glenn Blackmon, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an order of delegation authorizing the Secretary to approve fuel surcharge tariffs on less

than statutory notice. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

#### OTHER

C)2. 4-314 Docket Number UT-053021 Consideration of whether to initiate a rulemaking on eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation issues that are raised by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 05-46, Report and Order released March 17, 2005. Rulemaking

Appearances: Robert Shirley, staff

The meeting recessed at 12:29 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

RECESSED: NOTE: Items D1 and D2 will be heard at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room 206.

D)1.5-168 Docket Number UE-050095 Pacific Power & Light Company Special presentation on Company's Least Cost Plan. 2004 Integrated Resource Plan, pursuant to WAC 480-100-251. Resource Plan

Appearances: Yohannes Miriam and Dick Byers, staff; Melissa Seymour, Pacific Power & Light Company

D)2.5-168 Docket Number UG-041831 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Special presentation on Company's Least Cost Plan. Resource Plan

Appearances: Yohannes Miriam and Dick Byers, staff; Katherine Banard, Cascade Natural Gas

NOTE: Item D3 will be heard on Thursday, April 28, 2005, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room 206.

9-0 Special Presentation Representatives of the Northwest Power Conservation Council will discuss the major findings of the fifth power plan and the Council's efforts to implement and monitor compliance with the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attested by

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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary